

Troop 33 – Takoma Park MD
Monthly Committee Meeting
November 20, 2017 Church Assembly Hall
8:00 – 9:30
Annotated Agenda/Minutes

Introductions and Chair's Report – Howie Schaffer Action Taken: None
Short discussion of Camp Schmitt assessment of repairs and tree canopy. Announcement of a Troop 33 Town Hall in early 2018 to provide forum for Scoutmaster Hammerstrom to share his program vision and for Committee Chair to share vision for organizing people and resources to support the program vision.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report: 2017-2018 Budget was presented for approval.
Action: Unanimously approved

Pancake Supper: \$5782 was raised. A great result. The PS2017 was thanked along with the scouts and families. The improvement plan was given and overview.
Action: Committee Chair will work with PS2017 committee chair to determine composition of PS2018 committee so initial review and planning can take place.

Eagle Scout Committee: Next Eagle ceremony scheduled for Dec 9, for Matt Balfe. Reilly Caprioglio-Chase has completed his project and is finalizing his paperwork for submission to council.

Rechartering: All training issues have been resolved.
Action: Lee Howard and Howie Schaffer will talk to discuss how to handle payment of leaders who are cross-registered in Pack 33 and Troop 33 and will come back to the troop committee with a recommended approach.

Scoutmaster Spending Authority: A motion was made to create a \$1000 fund for the SM to use for unbudgeted expenses. The fund can be replenished as the SM submits receipts for approval to the treasurer.
Action: Approved Unanimously

Advancement: David Goldberg reported on good progress in signing up new merit badge counselors.

Camp Horseshoe Letter: A letter drafted to request that HSR remove a dining hall plaque with a confederate flag was read, edited, and a motion made for approval.
Action: Approved Unanimously. Howie Schaffer will finalize the edits and submit to the Interim Pastor for signature.

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Scoutmaster Report:

October Events:

October campout at Camp Schmitt was a success but it revealed the skill building needed for scouts to camp comfortably in cold and wet weather. Several scouts came unprepared to the campout. Dutch oven cooking was a success and the scouts worked well in their new patrols.

November Campout: Recognizing that younger scouts need more basic outdoor camping skill development, the campout was moved to Cunningham Falls State Park and led by the SM and Mr. Sellar. The older scouts went to WV for a caving trip led by Tim Miller and Pat Moran. Lots of fun and advancement opportunities were reported.

January Campout: The troop will not participate in the District Klondike Derby, as decided by the Patrol Leaders Council. The troop will plan a solid weekend outing to Camp Schmitt.

New Business:

Founders Day Campout 2018: The SM requested that the Troop Committee consider taking over the planning the annual Memorial Day family camping event. More discussion will follow at future meetings.

HSR Dining Hall Plaque for Troop 33: Lee Howard unveiled an attractive design for troop dining hall plaque that can be updated yearly.

Action: Lee will work with Kristen Dill on graphic design options and return to a future meeting to share updates.

General Discussion: None

Next meeting: December 18th, 2017, 8 PM in Church Parlor